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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF BANGLADESH PRESIDENT

1. PRESIDENT ABU SAYEED CHOWDHURY RESIGNED DECEMBER 24 AND ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BDG WITH THE RANK OF CABINET MINISTER, TO DEAL PRINCIPALLY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT MOHAMADULLAH HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING PRESIDENT, AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION; A NEW PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY BE ELECTED IN THE FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR LATE JANUARY. CHOWDHURY, WHO WAS REELECTED BY PARLIAMENT TO A FIVE YEAR TERM LAST APRIL, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE SAID HERESIGNED FROM THE RESTRICTIVE POSITION OF PRESIDENT IN ORDER TO SERVE THE NATION IN A MORE DEMANDING JOB. DESCRIBING HIS RESIGNATION AS UNUSUAL, CHOWDHURY SAID THE REQUEST HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: CHOWDHURY HAS LONG BEEN RUMORED TO BE UNHAPPY AS A FIGUREHEAD PRESIDENT WITH LITTLE INFLUENCE OVER GOVERNMENT POLICIES, WITH MANY OF WHICH HE DISAGREES. IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT MUJIB WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THE RESIGNATION UNLESS CHOWDHURY AGREED TO CONTINUE AS PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID THE IMPLICATION THAT THE RESIGNATION WAS A CRITICISM OF MUJIB'S RULE.

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